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FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TELECOM PSUS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial condition of both the telecom Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) is likely to remain poor during the years to come and if so, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the expansion plans of these PSUs are likely to be affected severely because of litigation issues that are affecting their ability to compete with private companies; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. (SMT.) KILLI KRUPARANI)

(a) No Madam, Government has constituted a Group of Ministers (GoM) to recommend short term, medium term and long term measures for revival and revitalization of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL). It is expected that with the initiatives being taken and the expected revenue potential being harnessed, BSNL and MTNL would improve their financial condition in the years to come.

(b) BSNL and MTNL have informed that at present, there are no litigation issues, which are affecting their expansion plans.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply to (b) above.